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PROVOST ELSTER: It is with distinct pleasure that I present Distinguished Alumni Awards to two of our most distinguished graduates. Both of whom are here with us today, and both of whom graduated from our Operations Analysis masters degree program. Today this award is presented to, in order of graduation from NPS, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable James Roche and Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Thomas White. Both are graduates of the Operations Analysis program here at NPS. Mr. Secretaries, will you please step forward.

Dr. Roche is the Secretary of the Air Force. In this role, he is responsible for

the activities of the Department of the Air Force, including the organizing, training, equipping, and providing for the welfare of its nearly 355,000 men and women on active duty, 180,000 members of the Air National Guard and the Air force Reserve, 160,000 civilians, and their families. Prior to this appointment, Secretary Roche held several executive positions with Northrop Grumman Corporation, including Corporate Vice President and President of the Electronic Sensors and Systems Sector.

Congratulations Secretary Roche!

Honorable Thomas White became the Secretary of the Army on May 31, 2001. As Secretary of the Army, Secretary White is

responsible for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management. Secretary White is responsible for the Department's annual budget of nearly \$70 billion dollars. The Secretary leads a work force of just over one million active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers and 270,000 civilian employees. He also has stewardship over 15 million acres of land. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of the Army, Secretary White served as Vice Chairman of Enron Energy Services. Congratulations Secretary White!